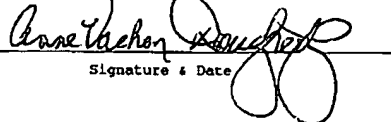


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed simultaneously with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and responds to the issues raised in the Final Office Action dated December 19, 2002 for the above-identified patent application. A Petition for Extension of Time for a period of one month, along with the requisite fee, accompany this amendment. The period for response, which was set to expire on March 19, 2003, will now expire on April 21, 2003, due to the fact that the 19th of April fell on a Saturday on which the Patent Office was closed.

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In response to the Office Action, the Applicants wish to submit the following amendments and remarks. In the Claims, amend Claims 1, 5, 9, and 10 as set forth on the following pages.

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